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SUBJECT: PANAMA AND HUNGARY ESTABLISH RELATIONS

1. LOCAL PRESS (CITING SEPTEMBER 5 PRELA LIMA ITEM) AND RADIO REPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN PANAMA AND HUNGARY TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL, ANNOUNCED IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN LIMA SEPTEMBER 5 (TEXT FBIS/PANAMA 060049Y) SIGNED BY PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO PERU BORIS MORENO AND HUNGARIAN CHARGE SANDOR ELEK (OR, PER PRESS REPORTS, ERB). COMMUNIQUE IS RELATIVELY NONCOMMITTAL, CITING MUTUAL DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENING PEACE, WORLD DETENTE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. LIMA IS GIVEN AS SITE DUE TO PRESENCE OF EMBASSIES OF BOTH COUNTRIES THERE.

2. PRESS ALSO REPORTS ACCOMPANYING STATEMENT BY MORENO THAT "IN ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH HUNGARY, PANAMA COMPLETES (COMPLETA) ITS RELATIONS WITH THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE CONSTANTLY MANIFESTED THEIR SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT FOR OUR JUST STRUGGLE FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED

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RECOVERY OF THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE CANAL ZONE, WHICH IS

NOTHING BUT AN AMERICAN (NORTEAMERICANO) ENCLAVE IN LATIN AMERICA." MORENO IS QUOTED AS CONTINUING THAT JOINT COMMUNIQUE "REFLECTS THE CONTINUATION OF THE SOVERIGN FOREIGN POLICY EMBEDDED (ENMARCADA) IN THE IDEOLOGICAL POSITION OF THE PANAMANIAN REVOLUTION." HUNGARIAN CHARGE IS QUOTED AS TO SUPPORT OF HUNGARIAN PEOPLE FOR "THE JUST OBJECTIVES OF (PANAMA'S) ANTICOLONIALIST AND ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE."

3. COMMENT: PANAMA PREVIOUSLY HAD RELATIONS WITH, BUT NO REPRESENTATION ACCREDITED TO OR FROM, GDR, BULGARIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. POLAND IS REPRESENTED FROM MEXICO, AND ROMANIA FROM WASHINGTON. COMMUNIQUE AND COMMENTARY MAKE NO MENTION OF WHETHER, OR WHEN, REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE EXCHANGED BETWEEN PANAMA AND HUNGARY. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT ANNOUNCED "COMPLETION" OF RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OMITS MENTION, AT LEAST AMONG EUROPEAN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, OF SIGNIFICANT EXCEPTION OF USSR, WITH WHICH PANAMA DOES NOT--YET-- HAVE RELATIONS. END COMMENT
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